

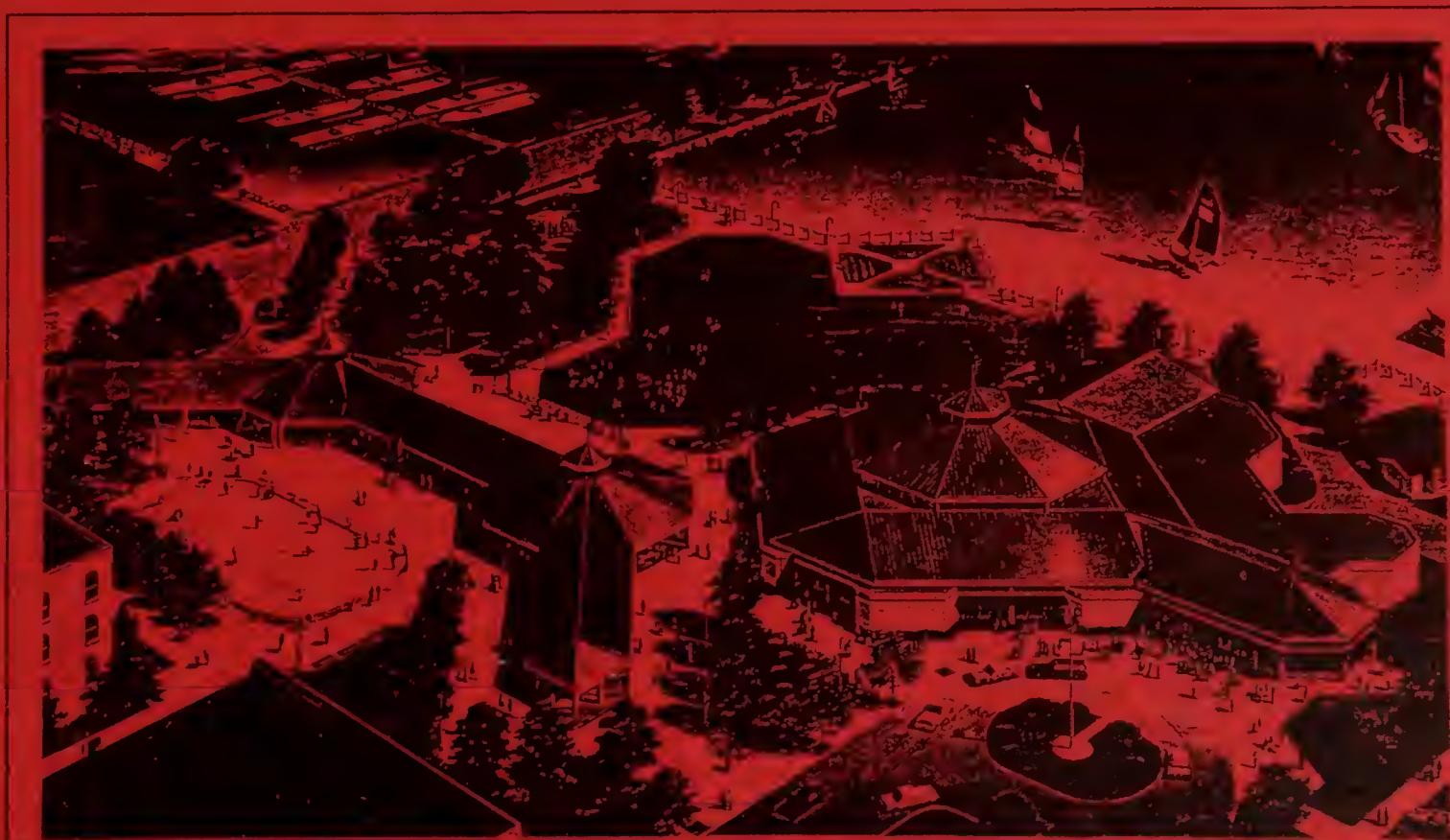


NOW NEWS

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Racine, Wisconsin

The new Festival Park in Racine is perhaps the brightest star in Wisconsin's renovation of river and lake waterfronts. A beautiful new convention site!



RACINE/NOW

1938 Convention Schedule



Friday: April 29th

9:00 AM	Bourse dealer set up
12:00 Noon	Bourse opens to public
1:00 PM	Tour of Whitman Publishing
7:00 PM	Bourse closes

Saturday: April 30th

8:00 AM	Bourse opens to dealers
9:00 AM	Bourse opens to public
11:00 AM	Paper money collectors meet
12:00 Noon	Spouse luncheon, fashion show & tour
3:00 PM	Young Numismatist program
4:00 PM	NOW Board of Gov's. meeting
6:00 PM	Bourse closes

Sunday: May 1st



8:00 AM	NOW awards breakfast
9:00 AM	Bourse opens to dealers
10:00 AM	Bourse opens to public
1:30 PM	NOW general membership meeting
4:00 PM	Bourse closes



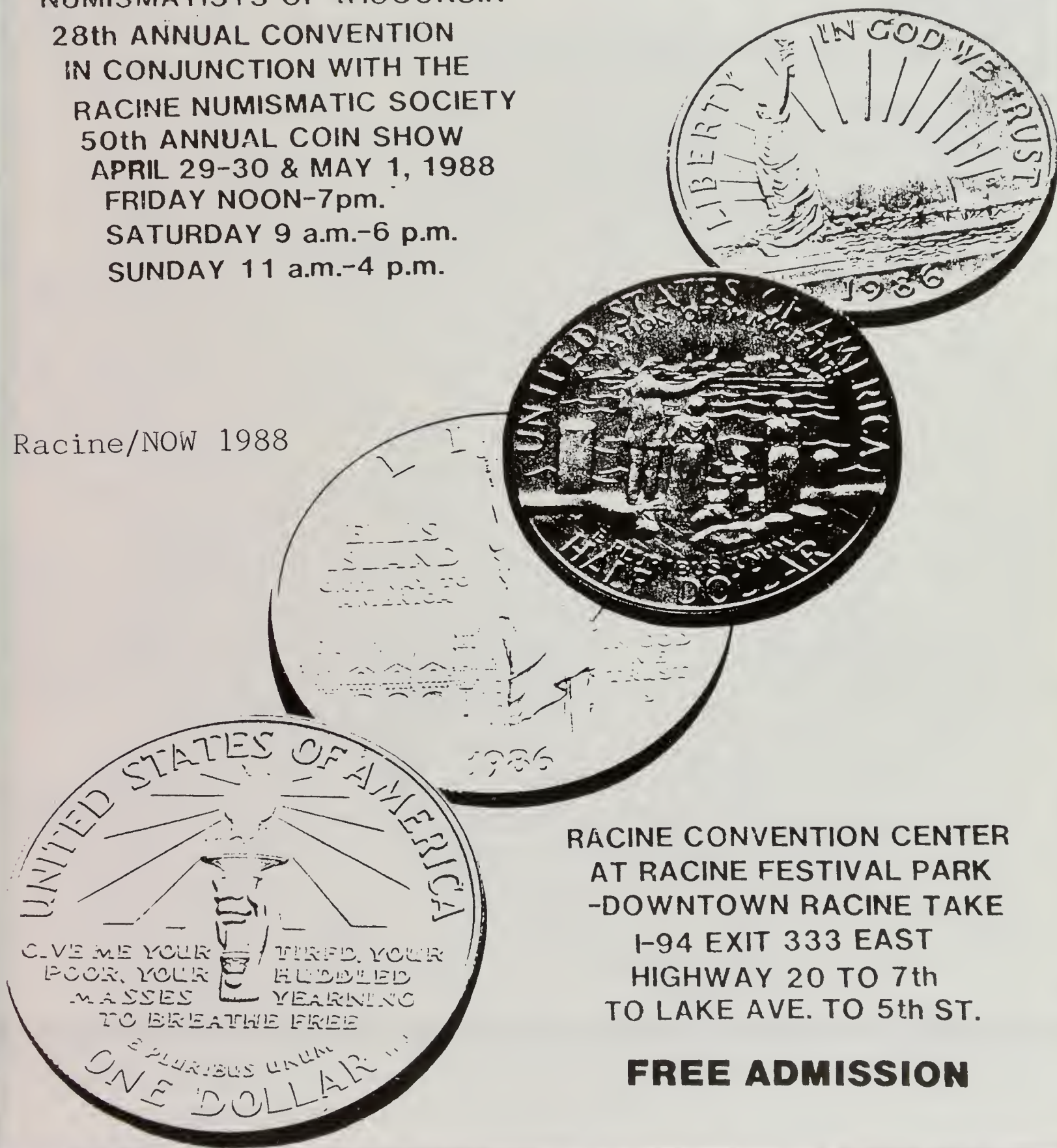
General chairman Jerry Binsfeld has headed up a numismatic team that has prepared a great show, don't miss it!

Ruben Webber	- Registration
Greg Gaitens	- Prizes
John Wilson	- Security
Fred Dickfoss	- Exhibits
Lynn Rooney	- Brunch
Don Frost	- Medals

COIN SHOW

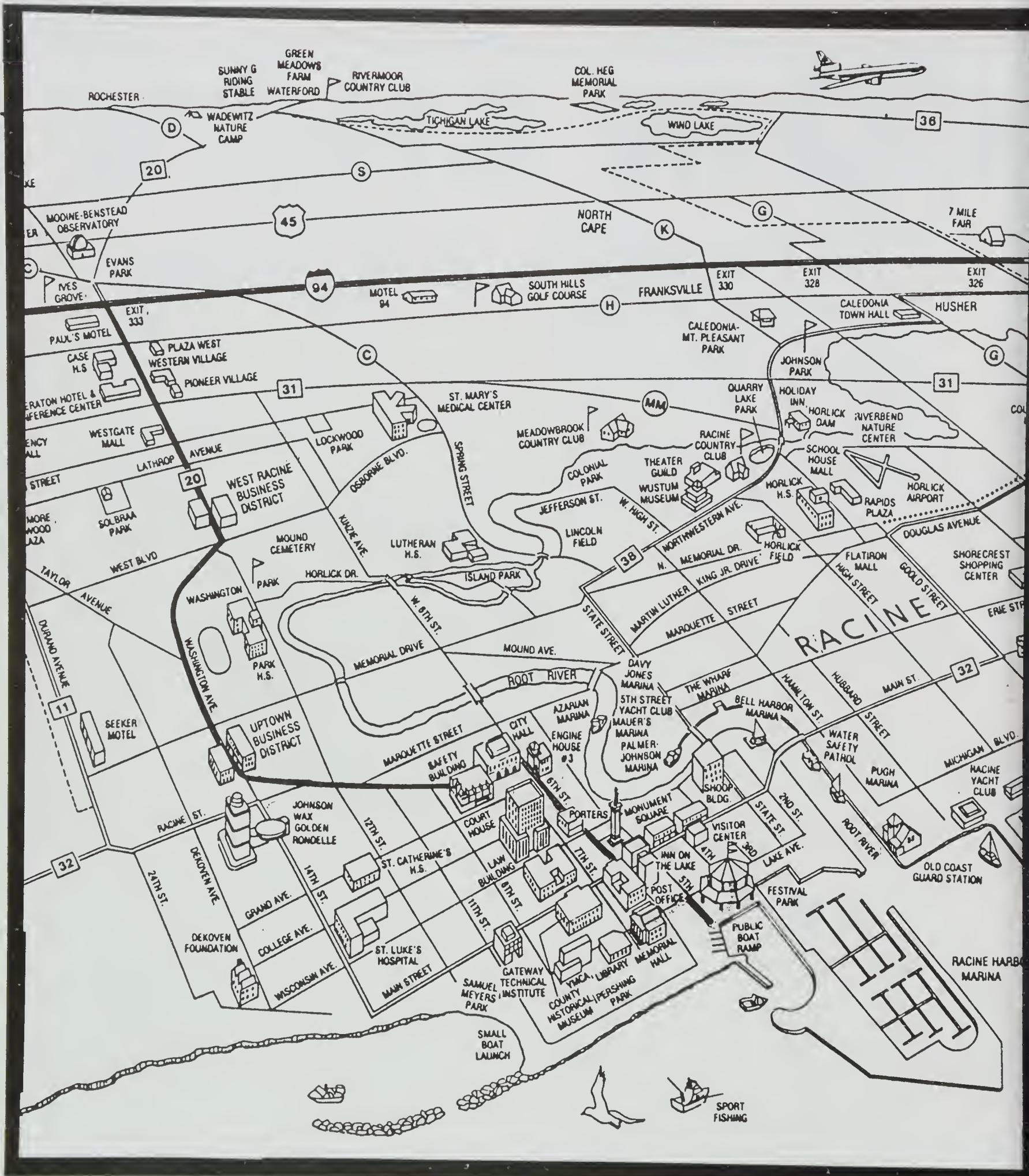
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28th ANNUAL CONVENTION
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
RACINE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
50th ANNUAL COIN SHOW
APRIL 29-30 & MAY 1, 1988
FRIDAY NOON-7pm.
SATURDAY 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
SUNDAY 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Racine/NOW 1988



RACINE CONVENTION CENTER
AT RACINE FESTIVAL PARK
-DOWNTOWN RACINE TAKE
I-94 EXIT 333 EAST
HIGHWAY 20 TO 7th
TO LAKE AVE. TO 5th ST.

FREE ADMISSION



While there are several easy routes to downtown Racine, Highway 20 is the real mainline. Turn off Highway 94 at exit 333 and head for the Festival Center and a memorable coin show weekend.



HISTORY OF RACINE

In 1834, Captain Gilbert Knapp founded a settlement on the shore of Lake Michigan at the mouth of the Root River. Originally named Port Gilbert, the 140 acre settlement became known as Racine from the French word meaning "a river tangled with roots." Early French missionaries gave Racine her name because of the profusion of roots which grew from the banks of the Root River.

A century ago, Racine earned the name "Belle City of the Lakes" because of her picturesque setting on a thumb of land protruding into Lake Michigan. Racine is also affectionately known as "Kringleville" after the popular Danish pastry, Kringlè. Over one-third of Racine's population is of Danish descent. In addition, Racine was an outstanding center of Bohemian culture in America and was known as the "Czech Bethlehem." Other early settlers immigrated from Armenia, Germany, Italy, Greece, Sweden, Norway, Poland, England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. These people's dedication to quality and fine craftsmanship enabled Racine to become recognized as a superior manufacturing community, home for such international companies as J.I. Case, S.C. Johnson and Son and Western Publishing Company, to name a few. This same dedication to quality is evident in the community involvement in the redevelopment of the Lake Michigan breakwaters. City and County government, corporations and private individuals are working together to create a new harbor containing a marina with 820 new boat slips, a park for on-shore fishing, picnicking and recreation, and a Festival Park with indoor and outdoor event facilities.

West of the Lake, expansions and renovations by Racine area businesses accentuate the personal commitment to the Racine area community and will enhance both our rich history and bright future.

NOW ELECTION

For President

Robert Van Ryzin - Waupaca

Currently a numismatic writer at Krause Publications in Iola, has served as governor and vice-president of NOW in the 1980's. A founding member of the Numismatic Research Society of Oshkosh, Bob is a member of the Wisconsin Numismatic Writers Association (WNWA) that provides material for NOW News.

Vice-President

Fred Borgmann - Iola

Award winning writer for NOW News, expert on foreign coinage specializing in Germanic. Writer and researcher for Krause Publications, currently serving on NOW board of governors.

Mike Tramte - Green Bay

Past secretary/treasurer of NOW, currently serving as a member of the board of governors. Active in the Milwaukee and Green Bay clubs, was a member of the NOW 25th anniversary committee.

For Board of Governors

Ron Calkins - Mazomanie

Veteran numismatist, in the 1960's served eight years on NOW board of governors. Was the first NOW News editor. Expert on Wisconsin broken bank notes, member, Madison Coin Club.

Tom Casper - Milwaukee

Longtime Milwaukee numismatic activist, security specialist for MNS shows. Collector and writer of and about Wisconsin exnumia, writing primarily in Token and Medal Journal. (TAMS)

Harold Helm - Oshkosh

Currently serving as a member of the NOW board of governors. Wisconsin Numismatic Writers co-ordinator and writer contributor to NOW News. Active in Oshkosh numismatic circles and NOW.

NOW officers receive no pay, but are rewarded by the confidence placed in them by the people who vote for them. The price of a stamp and a moments reflection and ballot marking will show these candidates that you care.

Cliff Manthe - Tomah

Current member of the NOW board of governors, member of Tomah, LaCrosse and Eau Claire clubs. Part time coin dealer with high visability at Wisconsin shows.

William F. Mross - Racine

Southeastern Wisconsin numismatist, member SSCC, MNS, Racine and Kenosha clubs. Office holder, writer of numismatic question and answer series in the "Centinel", active, knowledgeable.

President's message

Happy spring to everyone! The Wisconsin coin show season is in full swing and soon to follow are the NOW elections! I urge all members to take the time to cast their votes for the candidates of their choice! The NOW elections do not have the flair or media coverage that the presidential elections do, but they are important to the strength of the organization.

My condolences and those of the NOW general membership go out to the family and loved ones of Del Bert-schy. Del has long been a familiar face in Milwaukee and Wisconsin numismatics,



and will be missed by his many friends throughout the state.

If you haven't already done so, mark your calendar for the NOW convention which will be held April 29 thru May 1st, at the Inn on the Lake Hotel in Racine. The Racine Numismatic Society will celebrate the clubs GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY, a full 50 years in the hobby!

All things point to a great show in a brand new show site right on the lake, downtown!

Put a little social hobby back into your numismatic life, with the fun aspect of coin collecting! Join the "action people" at Racine as they whoop it up on their Golden Anniversary by hosting the state convention!

RANDY MILLER

Much of the rich fifty year heritage of the Racine Coin Club is remembered in this 1973 history by the late Roy A. Miller.

HISTORY OF THE RACINE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

- by Roy A. Miller

The first breath of life for the Racine Numismatic Society came on a cold March evening in 1938 at Wagner's Restaurant in Racine. Here had gathered 14 coin collectors to launch what was to be one of the midwest's most active and progressive numismatic organizations. The group had been brought together by John M. Carls who presided over the organizational meeting. With the groundwork laid, on April 8, 1938 thirteen members met to elect officers and socialize with 20 members of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society who came down to welcome the fledgling club into our great hobby. The elected slate of officers were:
 President - Henry Smeding
 Vice President - Paul Stanford
 Sec.-Treas. - K.C. Bergan

Hubert Polzer of the Milwaukee Club gave a short talk on proper operation of a successful club.

In the summer months that followed the busy new club under the guidance of President Smeding adopted a constitution and bylaws, conducted auctions, joined the A.N.A., established a library, and heard varied speakers expound on hobby subjects. Meetings were suspended for November and December of 1938 and were resumed in April of 1939. The year 1939 was also formative for the Racine Numismatic Society, the first club display case was purchased, charter members were assigned, and an anniversary banquet to be held the following spring was finalized. By 1940 a regular year-round meeting schedule was established. Membership attendance continued to be 13-14, and 15 members plus guests, and ladies were now permitted to be members of the club (50% auxiliary membership). The three years

that followed - 1941, 1942, 1943 - were extremely productive for the Racine Club; President Richard Yeoman and J.V. McDermott added national scope to the excellent Racine hard core membership and the Whitman developments in numismatic communications brought further growth to the club as well as numismatics as a whole.

With wartime work schedules cutting into available leisure time, the Racine annual banquet was held on a Saturday night in 1943 and no further club records are available until the March 14 meeting of 1947 (the club continued to meet during the war years though). The disorganized busy years of the world war had damaged most social organizations and the Racine club attendance had fallen off badly. The 1947 meetings were held in a tavern owned by one of the club members but better days lay just ahead for the hobby and the club. The years

1948 through 1953 were filled with excellent programming, social gatherings in Racine, Milwaukee, and Chicago, and displays of coins by members that by today's standards would be of museum caliber. By 1954 the club's hard-core members were beginning a second round of officer stewardship and the club treasury bulged with \$343.84 on hand. Annual banquets were attracting over 100 persons and on December 9, 1954 the club celebrated its 200th meeting. Hubert Polzer sent a bouquet of flowers from Milwaukee for the occasion. In 1956 a Board of Governors was created with Peter Tennyck, Gordon Nelson, Ben Schwartz, Jerome Koesler, and James Weickman elected to fill the newly created posts. Membership attendance at meetings ran in the 20 to 30 area and guests were attending nearly every meeting.

Inflation arrived in 1958 and annual club dues were increased from \$1.50 to \$3.00 per year. Numbered paddles were obtained to speed up bidding in club auctions. The annual banquet was attended by 153 members and guests. By 1960 the annual coin show sponsored by the club had outgrown the Elks Club and was held at St. John's Hall on April 8. Word came from up north country that "a meeting to form

an organization known as the Numismatists of Wisconsin would be held on July 10, 1960 at Iola, Wisconsin."

The running record of the Racine Numismatic Society ends in 1961, a listing studded with names of national, regional, and state stature in numismatics.

Today, the Racine Numismatic Society has sixty members including three honorary life members, Dick Yeoman, Ken Bressett and Lincoln Higgle. The club has 20 paid up life members, with Bill Spencer holding the life membership number one, dating back to 1951! The RNS meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Saint Lukes Parish Center.

RACINE

The Racine Numismatic Society over the years has created a number of medals in remembrance of club milestones. With the urging of veteran member Don Frost, a pair of 50 year commemoratives have been struck for the 1988 Racine/NOW show. Struck in brass and nickel silver, you can purchase them at the show for \$2.00 each.



You will feel very welcome in Racine on the Lake . . .

Our city has been reborn! Added to its 153-year history of stability, cleanliness and industry, Racine now boasts a renewed beauty and energy; it is fast becoming a resort city. Racine has a completely new 110-acre recreational Harbor/Marina, the largest on Lake Michigan. Visitors and convention planners are delighted to discover Racine's colorful new lakefront Festival Park with its own 60x120' ice rink. The 29,000 square foot Festival Hall was designed especially for conventions and for the community's

many ethnic festivals and artistic events.

There's more. Racine has the longest sand beach on Lake Michigan and our majestic 107-year old Wind Point Lighthouse is a favorite subject for painters and photographers. Racine's pretty little Zoo Park on the Lake provides a pleasant place for family outings. Throughout Racine County to the west, there are small lakes, equestrian trails, century-old communities and of course, wonderful Wisconsin farms. And, remember, along with Racine's welcoming at-

mosphere, there is delicious reason for a visit to our city. This is the home of *Kringle*. Racine, Wisconsin is recognized as the Danish Pastry Capital of the United States.

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COLONEL S.W. HOLLISTER

By Harold Helm - WNWA

Seymour W. Hollister was born in Racine, Wisconsin in 1845, the son of Asa and Sarah M. (Tombs) Hollister, natives of New York and England respectively.

Although Seymour was born in Racine, the family moved to Oshkosh the same year, where his father was engaged in contracting, milling, and logging. His father retired in 1860 and died in 1889. His mother died in March, 1907. There were five children born to Asa and Sarah Hollister. Four sons William W., Seymour W., Philip W., Guy W., and one daughter Anna.

The eldest son William W., was a soldier in the Civil War in the First Wisconsin Cavalry. Afterwards he embarked in the lumber business in Oshkosh and vicinity. He died in 1896.

Seymour W., grew to manhood in Oshkosh, receiving a good practical education, and in 1864 enlisted in Com-

pany B, Third Wisconsin Cavalry, serving until the close of the war. In 1866 he began logging with his brother William W. and continued with him until 1868.

Philip W. resided in Oshkosh, and was for a number of years in business with Seymour, also with a Chicago firm called Manufacturers and Builders Supply Company, and later at Medford, Wisconsin.

Guy W. also worked with his older brothers when it was called Hollister Brothers Lumber Company. Later he moved to Medford, Wis. It is assumed that Philip and Guy ended up running the Medford business.

In 1882 Seymour W. formed the company of Hollister, Amos and Company, with Frank Amos. This business operated right up until his death. In 1883 he also became a partner in the firm of R. McMullen and Company, manufacturers of lumber, sash, doors, and blinds. He withdrew from this firm in 1887.

In 1888 he formed the company of Hollister, Jewell and Co., ex Senator Philetus Sawyer being associated with him. They purchased a limit of 90,000 acres in the Province of Ontario, Canada and built a sawmill at Garden River, Northern Ontario. This firm manufactured lumber there for five years, about 20,000,000 feet per year. The mill was burned in

1893, and was not rebuilt.

With Leander Choate and a few other business men, Colonel Hollister established the Choate-Hollister Furniture Company, which burned in April 1899. This firm specialized in dining room and library furniture. Seymour was vice president of this firm, also president of the Keshena Improvement Company and of the Wolf River Boom Company.

He was also director of many of the large business institutions of Oshkosh, including the Old National Bank, Oshkosh Tool Manufacturing Company, Winnebago Traction Company, and R. McMillen Company.

He was always a republican in politics and was a member of Governor Uptam's and Governor Schofield's staff, this is where he got the rank of Colonel. He was a prominent Mason and a member of the G.A.R. and Elks lodges.

In the year 1868 he married Miss. Katie G. Smith, they had five children. She died November 19, 1896. He married the second time to Lottie Irene Loomis in 1897. They had one child. All of his children resided in Oshkosh, one son became a lawyer, and two sons were in the lumber businesses with their father.

D.L. Libbey was a banker who owned a steamboat that was built in 1888. At the

death of D.L. Libbey, about 1895, Colonel Hollister bought the boat and renamed it S.W. Hollister. This was used as a tugboat to haul logs down river to the sawmills. It was still operating when Colonel Hollister died in 1915.



ONE, BUT ONE WHAT?

Enigmatic brass token of Colonel S.W. Hollister. Unusually large for a one cent token, this could have been a work check. (Counter for work completed).

It is not known when the token was used, or for what it was used. It is assumed that the token dates back to the 1890's. Was it issued for the furniture business, or for use on the boat? Even small boats like a tugboat gave excursion rides on Sundays.

Colonel S.W. Hollister is remembered to this day in Oshkosh by a street named after him, called Hollister Avenue.

show schedule

April 22-24 MILWAUKEE

MECCA - 4th & Kilbourn
South Shore Coin Club
3058 So. 13th Street
Milwaukee 53201

April 24 EAU CLAIRE

Holiday Inn
Eau Claire Coin Club
P.O. Box 15
Downsville 54735

April 29-30 May 1 RACINE

Convention Center
Racine/NOW
P.O. Box 191
Pleasant Prairie 53158

May 17 WAUSAU

Youth Bldg. Mar. Co. Park
Wis. Valley Coin Club
5002 Tanya St.
Schofield 54476

May 21-22 RHINELANDER

Holiday Inn
Northwoods Stamp & Coin Club
4002 S. Shore Pkwy.
Rhineland 54501

June 5 ROCKFORD IL

Rockford Inn
Rockford Coin Club
1004 C Street
Rockford 61108

August 21 BARABOO

Elks Club
Baraboo Coin Club
1015 E. Street
Baraboo 53913

Sept. 4 ROCKFORD IL

Rockford Inn
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Sept. 18 FOND DU LAC

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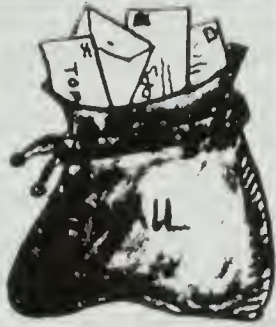
Sept. 23-25 MILWAUKEE

MECCA - 4th & Kilbourn
Milw. Numismatic Society
3385 Hidden Hills Drive
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Oct. 9 OCONOMOWOC

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n.o.w. Mailbag



Club News

Our secretary, Sam Perri, after serving six years in that position, gave it up because of pressing family responsibilities. Jerry Binsfeld was re-elected president for his third term, this acknowledging his excellent leadership. Please address club mail to our new secretary, Jeffrey Hoff, at 1913 30th Street, Kenosha 53140.

Kenosha Coin Club

Our last show had its best attendance ever. Advertising seems to be the key. Most of the people in attendance were buying. The biggest seller was what I'd call novelty items. The traditional date and MM collecting seems to be less and less popular. The winning display was made up of novelty item's, baseball cards of Hank Aaron and Eddie Matthews was sure to be a winner. There was also an outstanding dis-

play of all the different Adolf Hitler stamps. The dealers liked the good attitude of club members.

Roy Jonas
Cooney Numismatists

The December's issue of "Now News" is very informative. Keep your article's going, because that is a very interesting field.

Under show schedules would you change the address for the SSCC from the box number to: 3058 So. 13th St. I will be taking the following "jobs" in the SSCC:

1988: President
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Bourse Chairman
Etc.....

Robert Krueger
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Recently, we opened Greater Milwaukee Coin & Jewelry Exchange located at 7432 W. Holmes, Greenfield, WI 53220. We are in the Greenfield Fashion Center, just off 894 at 76th and Layton. Our phone number is 414-281-7700. Our company is a joint venture with the Avenue Company of Appleton and Russell Konig of Russ's Coins. Many of you are familiar with the individuals that run these companies. We, at GMC&JE, are dedicated to providing you with the same quality service.

Craig C. Hively

JOSEPH MOORES BABY

By Gene Johnson - WNWA

Here in the Wisconsin heartland, 4000 miles from its home, the English "Model Penny" is a familiar item to both the token collector and foreign coin collector, since the "penny" nicely fits into both catagories. These early tokens are really an unofficial English pattern coin, similar in nature to the Feuchtwanger coinage of U.S. numismatists.

Made of copper with silver insert centers, these experimental coins were designed to meet the intrinsic demand of 1840 English law, and yet provide relief from the huge copper and bronze coins in circulation at the time. Cleverly designed with beaded borders for touch identification, the lightweight coins were favorably received by the public, but as in the case of Feuchtwanger coinage, rejected by the powers of state.

While the rejection of the Feuchtwanger coinage was a bit more political, the Model coinage bi-metal makeup did create minting problems which were directly related to its failure and rejection.

The Model penny, and its companion, Model half penny, were designed with silver plug inserts, models without silver centers were created in copper for one quarter

and one eighth penny patterns, and silver solids for one sixteenth and one thirty second penny patterns.

The Model coinage was the brainchild of one Joseph Moore, and was struck in the mid 1840's. While no mintage records exist, the popularity of the tokens is unquestioned. There are lots of them right here in central Wisconsin!



While the penny and half penny Models, with silver plug centers, were well received by the English public, the four stage striking process, and the pressure put on the copper planchets by the silver inserts were a mintmasters nightmare. Examination of nearly every Model penny or half penny will show die cracks in the copper outer rings.

Moore used several different dies for the silver portraits in the center, and the British Museum collection contains numerous unique and rare varieties. How the Model coinage became so common in the midwest United States is a mystery, but immigration could have been a primary factor.

MEMBERSHIP

Some members keep their coin club strong.
While others join and just belong.
Some dig right in, some serve with pride
Some go along just for the ride.

Some volunteer to do their share,
While some sit back and just don't care.
On meeting nights some always show
But, then, there are those who never go.

Some always pay their dues ahead;
Some get behind for months instead.
Some do their best, some build, some make,
Some NEVER give, but take and take.

Some lag behind, some let things go,
Some never help their coin club grow.
Some drag, some pull, some don't, some do.
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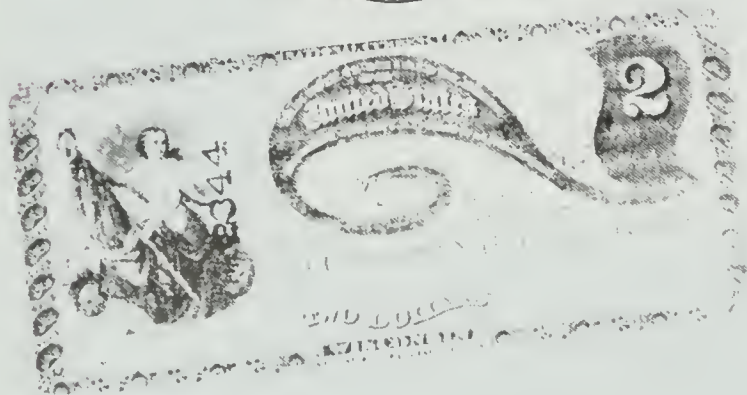
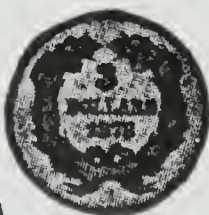


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The brochure advises new hobbyists to avoid so-called "bargains," because "there is no Santa Claus in the coin business."

"Every dealer is in business to make money and should be allowed to make a reasonable profit on each transaction. A legitimate dealer will probably not sell you a piece at substantially under market value since there are numerous opportunities to wholesale numismatic materials to other dealers," the brochure states. It also counsels consumers to consider potential investment purchases very carefully, looking beyond claims of assured value growth for low-mintage, limited-issue material.

Copies of the brochure are available free as a service to the public and may be requested from PNG at the above address.

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A. P. (DEL) BERTSCHY

1896 - 1988

On February 22, 1988 the Dean of Wisconsin Numismatists, Adelbert P. "Del" Bertschy a resident of Shorewood, Wisconsin passed away after a near 2 year long illness.

Del as he liked to be called, would have been 92 on April 21st. This great collector was involved in the hobby for 80 years; ever since his mother gave him a tin tobacco box containing old coins that belonged to his maternal grand-father. Though he said he did manage to spend a few of the Indian Head Cents for chewing gum, his collecting interest had begun.

It was while Del was in the Navy during World War I, he managed to bring home coins from all the ports his ship visited. When his enlistment ended, he had quite an accumulation. He stated that during the 1920's, very few dealers and price lists were available to the collector.

Del's occupation was a field representative for Roundy's Food Distributors from 1927 through 1961 and he frequently told stories to the coin club members about the coins he picked up on most of his trips around the state. The story of his introduction to paper money is fascinating involving a small Wisconsin town grocer / general store operator who also happened to be the town's undertaker. It seems the family of a certain deceased relative paid for the funeral in old large size currency which they had apparently hoarded in the house. Del was given the opportunity to buy the old money at face value and was fortunately able to get an advance from his employer to cover the purchase. The acquisition prompted Del to write to the great collector-dealer Albert Grinnell in Detroit, Michigan to get more information. He learned that New York dealer Barney Bluestone would pay 10% over face value for any large size currency that Del didn't want to keep for his own collection. The chase was on! Del distributed cigarette samples and also was able to get them wholesale through the food brokerage firm and he gave out cigarettes to bank tellers all over town, asking them to save for him any large size notes that were turned in. He got a big collecting break when he was allowed to exchange dollar for dollar at the First Wisconsin National Bank of Milwaukee during the years the old notes were being phased out. There was nothing in the way of catalogs then, but Del kept what he thought was the best (with Grinnell's advice) and shipped the rest to Bluestone. It is hard to imagine the extraordinary items that could be obtained during this transition period.

Del joined the Milwaukee Numismatic Society in 1940, receiving number 77. It wasn't long before he became involved in the operations of this great society. During his 48 year membership he rarely missed a meeting and had something to

exhibit virtually every month. Del also participated in every ANA National Coin Week event since 1948, usually by displaying coins and paper money at a Milwaukee bank.

His services to the Milwaukee Numismatic Society included tenures as President, Vice-President and Trustee on more than one occasion. He also served as General Chairman and Bourse Chairman for many of the club's shows, and was well known to the dealers who participate. We will all miss him making the show rounds wearing his famous fishing cap and selling tables for next year's "greater and better" show.

Del really excelled at getting a job done, giving his 150% effort for helping the club to run a successful show. His loving wife Luella also gets a lot of credit here for all the assistance she provided to her husband and the club.

Already suffering the effects of his illness during the 1986 ANA Convention, Del was named honorary chairman for the event and managed to make a brief appearance since his spirit was more than willing and eager. Del also served as General Chairman for many of the Central States Numismatic Society and Numismatists Of Wisconsin shows when held in Milwaukee. Any time the N.O.W. treasury was getting a bit low on operating capital, Del suggested they come to Milwaukee for a new infusion of funds. The Milwaukee Numismatic Society will host the 1989 state convention at MECCA in part due to Del's efforts. Every convention Del was affiliated with has been a successful event, and the dealers, collectors and general public kept coming back year after year. Del's leadership and tireless work will be greatly missed by the officers and members of the M.N.S. He was truly a dynamo right up to age 90, a birthday he was very proud of achieving.

For his dedication, the Milwaukee Numismatic Society awarded Del an honorary life membership many years ago and his contributions multiplied many-fold ever since.

Besides the MNS, Del served offices and boards of CSNS and NOW including president, and was awarded the CSNS medal of merit and a special recognition plaque from NOW. He also belonged to the ANA and traveled to many of the conventions in the midwest and a few in the east. Del also was a charter member of the Society of Paper Money Collectors.

Because of his dedication to the hobby, Del was made an Honorary Life Member of Milwaukee's South Shore Coin Club. Del also belonged to several civic organizations including the McKinley Lodge #307, F & AM, Wisconsin Scottish Rite, Tripoli Shrine and Alonzo Cudworth American Legion Post.

Del always made himself available to give a talk at any civic organization, school, club meeting, coin convention, YN group or Boy Scout merit badge clinic. Always accompanied by an exhibit, Del probably gave more talks on numismatics than any other person during his lifetime. His knowledge of numismatics was very vast and he had stories to tell about most of the items in his collection. His excellent library and personal acquaintance with the numismatic legends of the past such as B. Max Mehl, Albert Grinnell, Barney Bluestone, "Mr. Phil" Philpott, M. F. Bolender, Thomas Bain, Abe Kosoff,

Mac McDermott, Aubrey Bebee, James Kelly, L. S. Werner, Stacks and Bowers & Ruddy filled his numismatic accountings. A very nice story about Del was written in an "Abe Kossoff Remembers" article in Numismatic News which Del was very proud of, and he was rewarded with a Krause Numismatic Ambassador Award in 1975.

That's not all, because Del's family remembers him best as an avid hunter and fisherman and in 1979 Del headed north for his 56th deer hunt. He shot a deer on this trip. He was very proud of having a story written about him in the Milwaukee Sentinel as "Wisconsin's oldest Deer Hunter". Also up until 1979 Del had gone fishing in Canada for 33 consecutive years and also often went fishing in Lake Michigan. Del was headed for the lakes many times before the sun came up.

Del collected coins, tokens and paper money from this country and others. His memory was so keen he knew everything which he had in his possession and could recall events from his boyhood such as reciting the alphabet backwards due to a bit of school discipline at age 8. Though he had many more coins, his greatest love was paper money, but could rarely bring himself to part with anything numismatic. He was very proud of two pieces of paper money in his collection which were the \$10 series 1864 Compound interest bearing note (the only one known in uncirculated condition) and a series of 1902 \$100 Red Seal note serial #1 from the Germania National Bank of Milwaukee.

Del loved life, his family, collecting and the MNS, followed by thousands of friends around the U.S. Del is survived by his loving wife Luella, sister Alice Kadish, daughter Nancy Lidecker and her husband Robert, son Adelbert Jr. and his wife Dorothy along with six grand children and two great grand children.

Del had a way of inspiring people to achieve more and making them feel good. He will be missed by his family, friends and acquaintances.

Del was born in 1896, the same year as the release of the famous \$1 educational note bearing the vignette of "History Instructing Youth" which for much of his latter life fit Del's ways perfectly, and his memory will be with us for many years to come. Rest in peace Del, our friend and mentor.

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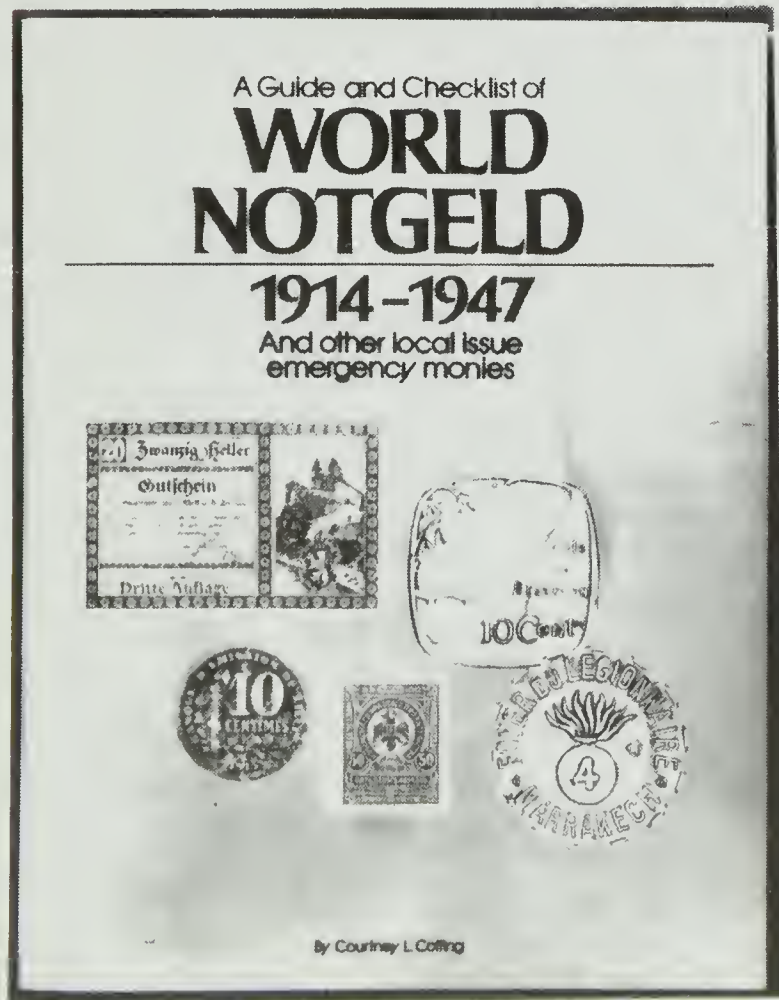
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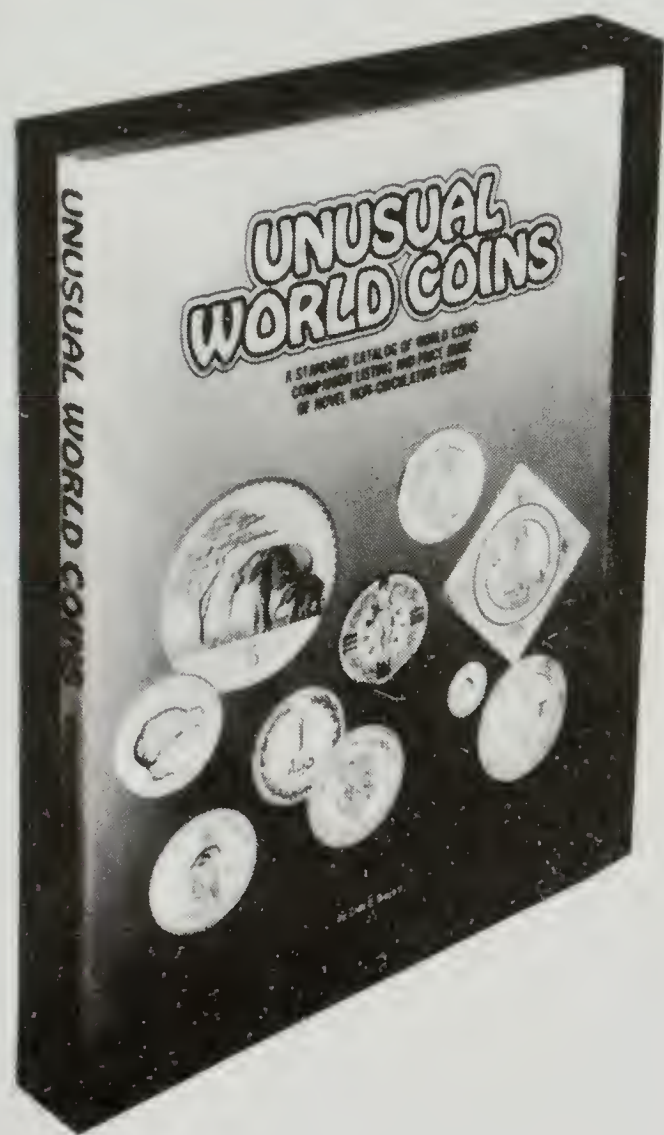
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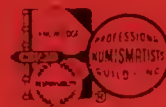
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